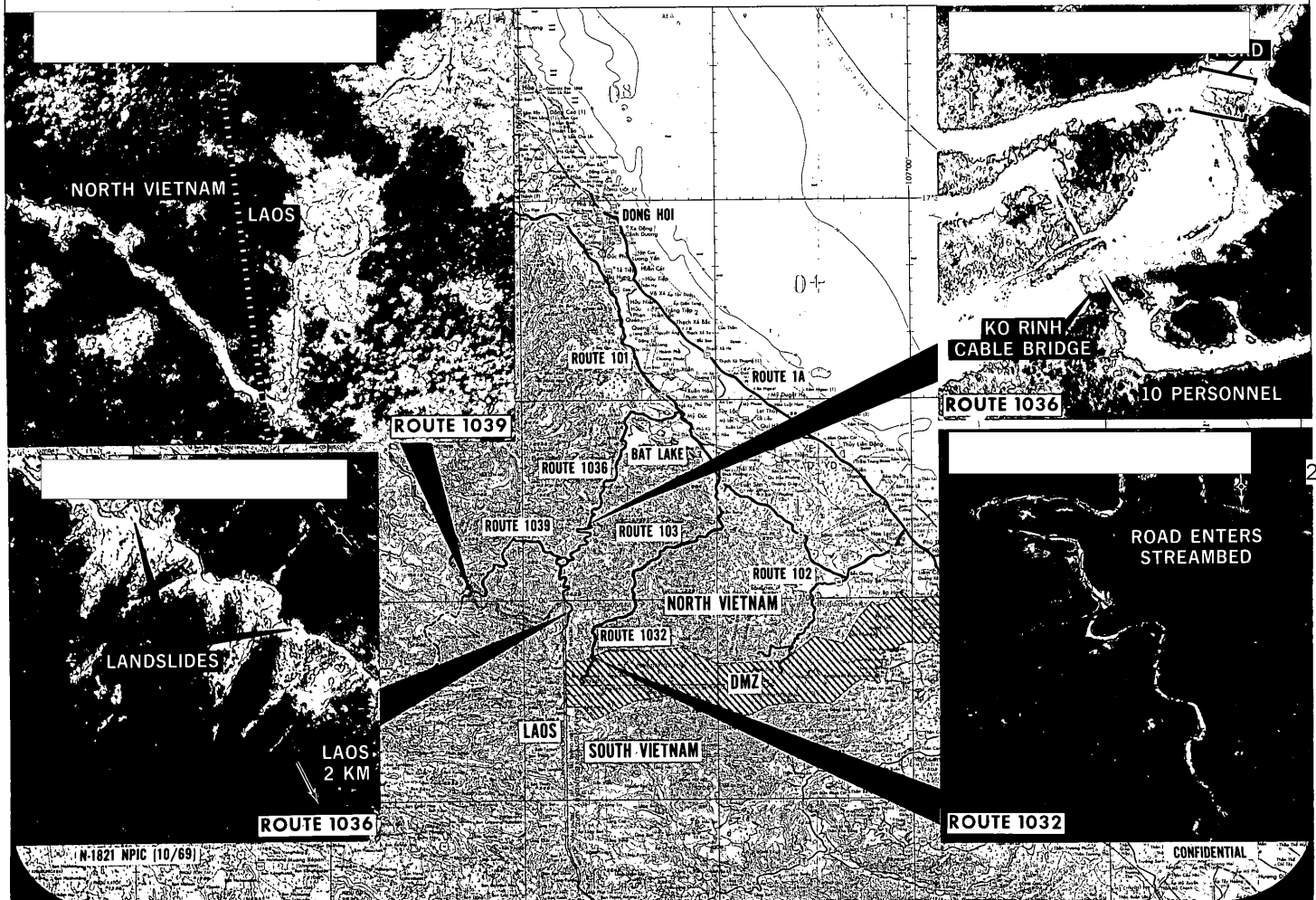


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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BOARD DEPICTS THE STATUS OF THE SUPPLY/
INFILTRATION ROUTES IN THE DMZ AREA OF THE SOUTHERN
PANHANDLE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

2. REMARKS:

ROUTES 102, 1036, 1039, AND THE 103-1032 COMBINATION
EXTEND THE LOGISTICS NETWORK IN THE SOUTHERNMOST
PORTION OF NORTH VIETNAM INTO THE DMZ AND LAOS.
ROUTES 102 AND 103-1032 BRANCH FROM ROUTE 1A,
INTERSECT ROUTE 101 AND CONTINUE SOUTH TO THE DMZ.
ROUTE 1036 BRANCHES FROM ROUTE 101 IN THE BAT LAKE AREA
AND CONTINUES SOUTH INTO LAOS JUST WEST OF THE DMZ.
ROUTE 1039 BRANCHES FROM ROUTE 1036 AT A POINT 7.5
NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTH OF THE DMZ AND EXTENDS WEST
AND SOUTH ACROSS THE LAOTIAN BORDER. ALTHOUGH THESE
ROUTES ARE IN GOOD OPERATIONAL CONDITION, THEY HAVE NO
MOTORABLE CONNECTIONS WITH ROUTES IN LAOS OR SOUTH

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3. MISSION READOUT: PHOTOGRAPHY OF [] REVEALS THE MOTORABLE TERMINUS OF 25X1 ROUTE 102 TO BE AT XD 950698, IN THE DMZ. FROM THIS MOTORABLE TERMINUS A NETWORK OF FOOTPATHS CONTINUES SOUTH. LIGHT VEHICULAR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED ON ROUTE 102 AND THE STATUS CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY INACTIVE. NO NEW CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE UNNUMBERED SEGMENT OFF ROUTE 102 SINCE [] 25X1 PHOTOGRAPHY OF [] CONFIRMS THAT ROUTES 103, 1032, 1036, AND 25X1 CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE.

ROUTES 103 AND 1032 ARE IN GOOD CONDITION. ROUTE 1032 RUNS TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ WHERE IT ENTERS A SHALLOW STREAM AND GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE STREAMBED TO THE OPERATIONAL TERMINUS AT XD 683679, WITHIN THE DMZ.

ROUTE 1036 CONTINUES TO BE IMPROVED, WITH TWO BULLDOZERS NOTED WORKING ON A SEGMENT NORTH OF THE KO RINH CABLE BRIDGE. THE CABLE BRIDGE, AT UTM XD 684905, WAS OBSERVED WITH TWO THIRDS OF THE DECKING IN PLACE AND TEN PERSONNEL ON ITS SOUTHERN APPROACH. THE SERVICEABLE TERMINUS OF ROUTE 1036 IS LOCATED AT XD 663778, 3.4 NM NORTH OF THE DMZ, WHERE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF LANDSLIDES RENDERS THE ROUTE IMPASSIBLE. THE LAOTIAN BORDER IS APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS BEYOND THE LANDSLIDE OBSTRUCTIONS, AND FROM THE BORDER INTO LAOS THE ROUTE IS VULNERABLE TO AIRSTRIKES.

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ROUTE 1039, WHICH INTERSECTS ROUTE 1036 AT XD 652859 (7.5 NM NORTH OF THE DMZ) AND TERMINATES 5.4 NM INTO LAOS AT XD 473709, IS MOTORABLE TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER AT XD 524808. THE ROUTE SEGMENT FROM THE BORDER TO THE LAOTIAN TERMINUS HAS BEEN INTERDICTED BY AIRSTRIKES AND WOULD REQUIRE A MAJOR REPAIR EFFORT IN ORDER TO RESUME SERVICE.

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